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The Honorable John H. Chafee  
United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510-3902

Dear Senator Chafee:

Thank you for your letter of March 14, 1997, concerning Allens Harbor Landfill located at Quonset Point near Davisville, Rhode Island.

The Navy has completed its investigation, and a landfill cap with long term monitoring has been recommended as the preferred alternative for the remediation of this site. In response to Ms. Henseler's question, funding for this effort is included in the FY 1998 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Restoration Account currently before Congress as part of the Department of Defense FY 1998 budget. Subject to approval of the budget request by Congress, we intend to initiate the remedial project in FY 1998.

Please be assured of Navy's continued interest in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pirie", is written over the typed name.

ROBERT B. PIRIE, JR.

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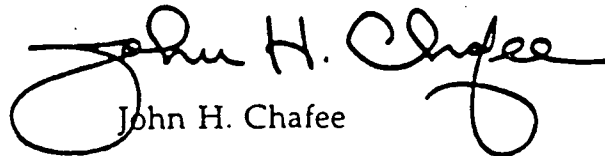
Dear Mr. Pirie:

I recently received a letter from Suzanne Henseler, Majority Whip of Rhode Island's House of Representatives.

As you know, federal, state and local authorities in Rhode Island are grappling with the environmental cleanup of Allens Harbor Landfill at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. As the Department of Defense begins the process of allocating Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA) funds, I would urge you to render whatever assistance possible to Rhode Island in connection with the clean-up efforts at Quonset Point.

A copy of Ms. Henseler's correspondence has been enclosed for your information, including her pointed comments following a recent Naval Facilities Engineering Command hearing. Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

  
John H. Chafee

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Suzanne M. Henseler

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February 12, 1997

The Honorable John H. Chafee  
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Dear Senator Chafee:

Enclosed you will find my written comments regarding the Allens Harbor Landfill closure.

As you know this is part of the base clean up for Quonset Point.

It is necessary that the Navy has the funds necessary to complete this project.

I would respectfully request that you attempt to ensure that the proper funding for this remediation is in the Department of Defense Budget for this year and next year.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Regards,

Suzanne M. Henseler  
House Majority Whip

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February 12, 1997

Mr. Phil Otis  
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Dear Mr. Otis:

These are written remarks that will augment my oral comments at the public hearing held on February 6, 1997

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the alternatives for remediating the Allens Harbor Landfill. My comments are as follows:

1. I find that it is not in the public interest to hold an informational hearing, recess and then start a public hearing all in one evening. The information disseminated was technical in nature and the vocabulary was that used in the environmental community. The perception is such that there wouldn't be many people attending the informational and public hearing. Also that the suggested alternative was a fait accompli.

2. I feel it is imperative that the Navy and the Department of Defense have sufficient funding in their budget to complete the task. The residents of the area surrounding this landfill have waited since 1984 for this landfill to be capped.

3. This landfill must be the top priority for the Navy in site remediation. I respectfully request that this guarantee be put in writing by the appropriate authorities at the Department of Defense.

4. That if there are any problems associated with the landfill closure/remediation that the Navy will be held liable. Also that any remediation that might be needed will be put on a priority list.

5. There must be a proper monitoring by the appropriate Federal and State agencies. The 1st consideration will be to protect the health and welfare of the citizens. There must be citizen input and dissemination of information if the monitoring turns up inappropriate levels of toxics, odors, etc.

6. There must be strict enforcement and education to the prohibition of shellfishing in Allens Harbor.

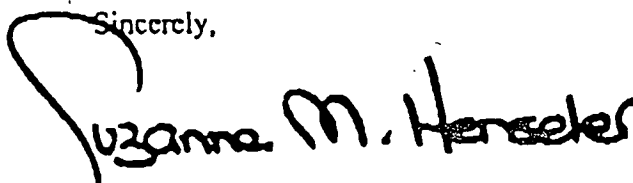
7. There must be scientific evidence to show that the groundwater flow is going in an easterly direction.

8. There must be an absolute, foolproof method to guarantee that no odors will emanate from the landfill.

9. With the information available I would respectfully request that the Navy revisit the option of recycling/removal of the landfill or to implement alternative 4.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue for the citizens of the 44th Representative District.

Sincerely,



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